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SUBJ: HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR NCOIC

FOR NEA/EX JONES FROM LEE

1. BASED ON NEED OF NCOIC TO BE CLOSE TO EMBASSY AND MSG HOUSE POST PROPOSES TO UTILIZE PRESENTLY LEASED TO BEDROOM APARTMENT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EMBASSY FOR NCOIC. THIS MEANS OF COURSE THAT ADDITIONAL APARTMENT STILL MUST BE LEASED.

2. SEARCH FOR 2 OR 3 BED ROOM APARTMENTS CONTINUES AND AT PRESENT TWO POSSIBLE APARTMENTS EXIST. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE TO SKYROCKETING LEASE PRICES NOTHING RPT NOTHING BELOW \$8,500 PER YEAR SEEMS AVAILABLE IN ANY AREA OF DAMASCUS.

3. ANY DELAY ON DECISION TO LEASE ONLY SEEMS TO CAUSE PRICES TO CONTINUE TO CLIMB. RECENT SEARCH FOR USIS PAO APARTMENT IS GOOD EXAMPLE. LANDLORD WAS ASKING \$16,000 PLUS PER YEAR AND IN A MATTER OF DAYS RECEIVED THE ASKED FOR PRICE COUPLED WITH WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE DEMANDS FOR A USG LEASE.

4. IF BUREAU AGREES TO ALLOWING GSO TO CONTINUE SEARCH OVER WEEKEND AND POSSIBLY NAIL DOWN THIS LAST (HOPEFULLY) APARTMENT PLEASE ADVISE BY CALLING GSO G. LEE AT HOME TELEPHONE (DAMASCUS 554226). SOMEONE WILL BE HOME ALL NIGHT ON 23 AUG.

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5. DAMASCUS C&R IS CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. SEE

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